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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

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1. YOUR MEETING WITH GLIGA. JUST AFTER WE SENT OUT OUR CABLE ASKING YOU TO DISCOURAGE GLIGA FROM PURSUING BOTH A JOINT STATEMENT AND A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. LUERS TOOK A SLIGHTLY MORE ACCOMMODATING TACK IN A MEETING WITH EMBASSY COUNSELOR IONITA. LUERS SAID THAT WHILE HE HIMSELF DOUBTED IT WOULD PROVE NECESSARY TO HAVE TWO DOCUMENTS, HE KNEW THAT PRESIDENT CARTER REGARDED THE CEAUSESCU VISIT AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND WOULD WISH TO BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS POSSIBLE TO THE DESIRES OF HIS GUEST. THEREFORE, IF THE GOR FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE NEED FOR TWO DOCUMENTS, PERHAPS WE COULD AGREE. LUERS NOTED THAT WE HAD ONLY A JOINT STATEMENT WITH THE YUGOSLAVS BUT COMMENTED THAT IT MIGHT EVEN BE DESIRABLE TO TAKE A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT APPROACH FOR THE CEAUSESCU VISIT. IONITA SAID THE GOR WAS
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WORKING ON DRAFTS, AND LUERS SAID WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE GLAD TO REVIEW THEM AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER THEY COULD BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE DOCUMENT OR SHOULD REMAIN SEPARATE.

2. LOUIS E. KAHN, FSO-4, HAS THROWN HIS HAT INTO THE RING FOR ROMANIAN DESK OFFICER JOB. HIS RECORD INCLUDES FIVE YEARS IN TURKEY, FIVE YEARS IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS INCLUDING

DAKAR, AND FIVE YEARS IN IO. NOW IN IO'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY WHERE HE HAS BUMPED INTO ROMANIAN INITIATIVES AT VARIOUS TIMES. SINCE HE CLAIMS HE AND AMBASSADOR WORKED TOGETHER FOR A WHILE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, I WONDER IF YOU WOULD ASK HIM FOR HIS OPINION OF KAHN AS PROSPECTIVE ROMANIAN DESK OFFICER.

3. WE HAVE MUSIC FOR NEW ROMANIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM. VANCE

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